

STIMULUS WATCH: WEEK 37

NSF Spends \$200,000 in Stimulus Funds to Save Dead Bugs

- The National Science Foundation (NSF) awarded Michigan State University \$200,000 in taxpayer funds to help preserve their large bug collection. The Stimulus cash will be used to ensure that living bugs stop eating the preserved dead bugs.
- Anthony Cognato, head bug expert at Michigan State, justified the money, explaining that the \$200,000 grant gave 4 students the job of moving dead bugs from old trays to new ones.
- Of note, East Lansing, Michigan has an unemployment rate of 11.7%.
- Under the House Republican Stimulus Alternative, \$200,000 in taxpayer funds would not be spent on saving bugs that are already dead. Instead, Republicans would have created twice as many jobs at half the cost. To learn how visit:
<http://republicanwhip.house.gov/Jobs/>
- **Source:** <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,588609,00.html>

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